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October Program

October 21, 2014

7:00 PM Millie's Minutes Millie Starr
 7:10 PM "Re-Branding Lives"! Kathryn Miller Marshall
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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings:

When you receive this issue I will be walking in the lands of my Irish ancestors. It is my wish that each of you get the opportunity to experience this in your lifetime. This opportunity occurred because of the development of genetic genealogy. Had a young and educated Irish grandson not encouraged his grandfather to take a yDNA test this connection may never have been made and I might not have been able to fit the pieces together to make the connection to the homeland my 5th great grandfather departed to come to America.

Even more important to me is that this discovery has led to the connection of even more of my family branches who I have discovered came from or through that very same part of Ireland.

It is for this reason that I encourage all to take the appropriate DNA test which may assist them to make those all important DNA connections. Please encourage your genealogy friends to attend our 2014 DNA Seminar on October 25th.

See you in October and I hope to have even more new "roots" information to share.

Respectfully,
Lewis M. Ruddick

October Program

By Bev Johnson

On Tuesday evening, October 21st, we will welcome Kathryn Miller Marshall, PhD who is Director of the Lodi Family History Center. In high demand as a speaker and presenter at many seminars and workshops throughout California and beyond, Kathryn has an impressive depth of knowledge in all-things genealogical as indicated by her repertoire of presentation topics.

"Re-Branding Lives!" Forbidden romances, adoption, avoiding military service, debts, criminal records, religious persecution, and national quotas have been common motives for selectively filtering or modifying information about oneself over time. Family traditions and public accounts often contain elements that are not consistent with the actual facts or findable documentation as a result. Stories of John Sutter, Orin Porter

Rockwell in California’s gold country, the reluctant president William Ide, and a one year old being left behind with others when a family migrated are cases in point. Having background knowledge about a time and place can provide clues to help researchers overcome puzzling tales and oddities in records. Also, how to verify or correct family traditions.

This program promises to be both entertaining and informative for all our members and guests. Handouts will be made available for those in attendance. Please plan to come and be part of our Society in extending a warm welcome and appreciation to Kathryn Marshall.

Early American Cookery

Following is from Colonial Williamsburg and is somewhat modernized

Pumpkin Gnocci

Ingredients:

- 3 medium size Idaho potatoes
- 1 ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ c. sifted cake flour
- 2 eggs
- ½ c. pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp. salt



Instructions:

1. Boil potatoes whole and unpeeled.
2. Combine flours on workbench.
3. Crack eggs into center of flour.
4. When potatoes are cooked throughout, strain, then peel. While still hot, process potatoes through food mill directly into flour and eggs. Add pumpkin puree. Knead softly until everything is combined evenly.
5. Cover dough ball with plastic wrap. Working swiftly while dough is warm, roll dough into small logs in increments of about two centimeters in diameter. Cut log into — inch pieces. Roll pieces into balls.
6. Roll balls into boiling salted water off the back of a fork. When they float, they are done.
7. Strain and add sauce.

GSSC Officer Nominations for 2015

Nominating Committee: Pamela Atherstone - Chair

The proposed nominations for 2015 officers are:

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If there is anyone other than those nominated who is interested in serving in one of these positions please contact Pam Atherstone 521-5096

Cold Case

by Millie Starr

After days of debating the best approach for this, I have settled on the Cold Case approach.

When we see the criminal detectives dealing with a COLD CASE the first thing they do is review, and then they review and then they review. All of the time making adjustments to the time line or analysis of the known facts of the case.

First as Family History Detectives we must review the facts that we know, and then very carefully review and be sure that what we have taken as facts are facts. Does your timeline and your location line agree with the facts? If you have not completed either of these, it is in your best interest to compare times and places. If the times and places are not logical take another hard look.

What piece of info are you seeking? No, do not say the family..... because that is a result not a simple piece of data. A family is the total of all of the searches you make. Plus of course that wondrous piece of new info from some off the wall source that you had never looked at before.

Planning for a Trip of Discovery to the Land of My Roots

By Lewis Ruddick

I thought it might be of value to record for others the steps I have been taking to prepare myself for my trip to my ancestral home in Ireland. As a result of old fashioned genealogical research and modern genetic genealogy I have been able to identify that my first North American ancestor William Ruddock came to this continent about 1700 from County Armagh. Specifically from the tiny village of The Diamond located in the townland of Grange Lower, Barony of O'Neiland West.

The break which led to this revelation came when I received a confirmation of a yDNA match with Ernest Ruddock of Co. Down just a few miles east of The Diamond. Communication with his grandson who had talked him into taking the test revealed that his family were from The Diamond. Not long after that "match" I found a photograph of a Ruddock who had married a Winter in The Diamond on ancestry.com and at nearly the same time I received another yDNA match with a member of NPE branch of the same Ruddocks.

I knew I was missing something and began back tracking my research. I found the overlooked information in the materials of Dr. Albert Cook Myers' Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750. A number of families had come to the Menallen Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania from the immediate area of Grange Lower and the Ballyhagan Meeting and settled on lands surrounding my 5th great grandfather. Specific information had now been found. In addition I now began to find documented relationship with these families and Ruddocks in County Armagh. The wall had been broken.

After my wife was able to arrange vacation time we began planning for the trip.

I hired a professional genealogist in Ireland to determine what he could find that would assist me in my search.

I have copied all of my County Armagh Ruddock files to a ZIP drive that I will take with me. This includes my complete family tree beginning with my first Ruddock, my 5th great grandfather William.

I have contacted all of the Historical/Genealogical Societies surrounding The Diamond to determine what they may hold that will assist me in my research on arrival. Two have been extremely helpful with the best of the lot being the staff of the Armagh Museum.

I searched and copied to my ZIP drive **everything** Ruddock in the PRONI online files. On our last visit to Ireland PRONI was closed because they were moving to their new facility. On my last trip my concentration was on Bunclody, Co. Wexford because of a yDNA Ruddock family match there. A visit to the new PRONI facility is in our research schedule. Since some the family were involved in the flax industry a trip to the Linen Museum Library has been included in the research schedule along with a visit to the library at the Quaker School in Lisburn Co. Antrim

I obtained four yDNA kits to take with me to use if we encounter a needed DNA subject. I already have identified a couple who I hope to be able to convince to provide a test sample.

As I dug through things and more testing results came in including from a new FamilyFinder test I learned that I had more from this small Irish area that my Ruddock line. My 2nd great grandmother's family was also from this very same area and I have discovered that members of her family are also still living there. Then the surprise of surprises I found that my mother's Alexander family had also lived in the very same area. Heretofore we had thought they had come to North America directly from Scotland. Time allowing this will mean more stones to turn over.

And finally, another part of my trip is to fly to Altwarmbüchen, Germany, to dedicate a memorial plaque to my Uncle Harry N. Alexander and the crew of his B-24 shot down over that small town on November 26, 1944. As I searched through all of his documents in preparation of that portion of the trip I came across something I had forgotten; they had set down in Northern Ireland enroute to England and spent a few days. That airfield, Nuttz Corner, is located a dozen miles away from The Diamond. It was meant for me to revisit this part of Ireland. The photo at the right is my Uncle "Dutch" holding me in February 1944 and that day is one of my earliest life memories. My Uncle Al Parker next to me was a survivor of Pearl Harbor having had his vessel sunk during the surprise attack. This was taken when he was home on leave before deploying to England.



CWO Al Parker, "Lewis" and Lt. Harry N. Alexander



This late 1800s photograph is of the Ruddock Store located at the Red Lion Crossroads in Co. Armagh about one mile east of The Diamond village. I have been told that the building is still standing and in use today.

I expect to visit it as well.

The kit assembled for the Salt Lake City LDS Library trip is the perfect accessory for the trip to Ireland and is in my luggage.

There should be much to share when I return.

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TellMeBye

[Dick Eastman](#) · [September 4, 2014](#) ·



You made out your will, correct? Once you depart this earth, your heirs will be informed of your wishes for disposition of the insurance money, the house, the family heirlooms, and the other various items you have accumulated in your life. However, what about your genealogy data? How about the collection of tweets or the posts on Facebook? How about your digital images and videos? How about your Bitcoins that are stored only in electronic format? Who should be able to look at your email messages? If you don't take positive action **NOW**, all those electronic items can vaporize with no one to look after them.

TellMeBye is an online tool for everyone who would like to plan the inheritance of their entire digital legacy and, therefore, make it easier for others to receive their documents, messages, memories, or content. You can also disclose your final wishes and provide information to help your family members with formalities after your death, such as details of your insurance policies, a PDF copy of your will, what to do with your body, people to be told, final wishes, and much more.

TellMeBye even offers free accounts although with very limited storage space for the information to be passed to others. I suspect that most users will experiment with a free account first; then, if they want to continue the service, they will pay a modest amount of money for increased space.

Here are the major features of TellMeBye:

If you have important files in clouds such as Dropbox, iCloud, or Google Drive and don't want them to be lost, TellMeBye lets you designate heirs to them.

Social networks: Receiving birthday notifications or people still posting on your wall after your death is not pleasant for anyone. Avoid situations like this, and exercise your right to be forgotten in a fast, efficient, and practical way.

Online bank accounts, investment accounts, or digital wallets such as Paypal, Google Wallet, or Amazon, where we can use virtual money, are increasingly common. With TellMeBye you can ensure your money isn't lost.

Games, books, and music bought online: Buying music, e-books, or low-cost online games is increasingly common on sites such as iTunes, Steam, and Appstores. Just like physical purchases, we own what we buy online and should make sure it isn't lost when we pass away.

Send email messages after you are gone: There's nothing more moving or considerate than writing messages to your friends and family to bid them farewell with words of love and support. Of course, those might not be words of love that you send to your boss or to your mother-in-law. Your choice!

Advance Directive (also known as an Advance Healthcare Directive or a living will): Reveal your wishes in advance so that they are fulfilled when you are no longer able to express opinions about your own healthcare and treatment.

State your final wishes: Stating your final wishes either in public or in private will guarantee they are fulfilled as far as possible. It's not the same that just your partner knows you wanted your ashes scattered in New York as letting all the people you select know.

Send memories: We all have loads of memories with friends and family through photos and videos. You can send your thoughts, along with pictures and videos, to help your loved ones through the mourning period.

Send an electronic diary, if you have created one, to the person or persons you designate.

You can choose the settings in Profile Information or System Options. You can choose not to leave any item to one or more people, or even make it public. As always, you are in control.

TellMeBye does all this with dignity.

One possible drawback of the TellMeBye service is that you do have to inform someone that you have created a TellMeBye account and that it is to be activated after your death or (optionally) when you become incapacitated and unable to manage your own affairs. The managers of TellMeBye recommend you notify three trusted people and tell each of them how to notify TellMeBye of your passing. You should only select people you trust and are close to you.

TellMeBye will know you have passed away only when one of your three trusted contacts lets the company know. The notification process of a user's passing contains several steps in order to avoid human error, and in each one it is very clear that the information is accurate. The other two individuals are first queried for verification. Additionally, TellMeBye will email the deceased person to say that somebody has communicated their passing, allowing 48 hours to rectify the notification and avoid all content being released. Assuming the deceased person does not reply within 48 hours with a message similar to, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," TellMeBye will release the information as previously specified by the deceased.



TellMeBye uses industrial-grade encryption techniques to keep all the information safe and secure. Prior to death, only the person who created the account will be able to access the information. Following that person's demise, the death is first verified, and then the information is released only to those designated by the now-deceased person. One option is to release some or all of the information publicly. However, nothing is ever made available to others except in accordance with the deceased person's instructions. Further details about the security methods used may be found near the bottom of the FAQs (Frequently-Asked-Questions) at <https://tellmebye.com/en/legal/faq>.

Each trusted person is treated like another person and will only receive what you have left for that person. For instance, your favorite child might receive information about the life insurance while the mother-in-law might receive only a personal message containing whatever you wish to say as "one last word." The person who created the account is in full control.

Once the user's death has been verified, the company will do the following:

Inform the deceased person's designated contacts by email and display a black notification within the dashboard.

Release all the information as programmed by the user after 48 hours, to allow for any margin of error.

Deliver a phonebook to the deceased's trusted contacts with a list of people to be informed.

Deliver the deceased's final wishes to their trusted contacts. This part is the only one which occurs immediately. In the event of a wish being public, it will be visible to everyone immediately.

If you are one of their trusted contacts, you will be able to send messages to all the deceased's contacts.

Once all the legacy information has been delivered, the account will remain active for 1 year, during which each heir will have had sufficient time to make a back-up copy of their legacies.

TellMeBye offers three levels of accounts:

Free account

- 10 Documents
- 10 Messages
- 10 Wishes
- 10 Networks
- Memories / 1GB

PRO Account 5 Euros (\$6.56 U.S.) per year

- 50 Documents
- 50 Messages
- 50 Wishes
- 50 Networks
- Memories / 5GB

LIFETIME Account 50 Euros (\$65.60 U.S.) one-time payment

- 100 Documents
- 100 Messages
- 100 Wishes
- 100 Networks
- Memories / 10GB

Only free accounts feature online advertising. The other accounts, PRO and LIFETIME, are advertising-free.

The company promises to keep the account information for years until the death of the user, even for those using a free account. A free life-time account is unusual; most companies that offer free accounts for an online service (Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Dropbox, Google Drive, and more) only promise to keep the information for as long as the user accesses it frequently. In contrast, TellMeBye promises to keep the user's data until the person's

death. Once all their legacy information has been delivered, the account will remain active for 1 additional year, during which each heir will have had sufficient time to make a back-up copy of their legacies.

Of course, the first question that arises is, “How long will the company be around?” In fact, there is no guaranteed answer. Of course, the same is true for many other companies, including funeral directors and attorneys.

Prices for TellMeBye vary from free to 50 Euros (\$65.60 U.S.), so the financial risk isn’t great. Another option is to sign up for the PRO Account at 5 Euros (\$6.56 U.S.) per year. If the company stops sending annual bills, it wouldn’t take long to visit the web site and confirm the company is still in business. You also would want to log in with your user name and password to verify that your information is still stored there. Once you are satisfied the company is still operational, you probably will want to pay the renewal fee.

TellMeBye is listed as still in beta. However, I wouldn’t hesitate to use it. The company is based in Spain, and the online service is available in English, Spanish, and Catalan (a language popular in Andorra, northeastern Spain, and adjoining parts of France).

TellMeBye is an interesting and probably useful service. I say “probably useful” as I have no way of testing its usefulness until after my demise. I don’t plan on that particular test anytime soon! I did create an account for myself, but any “final review” describing the effectiveness of TellMeBye will have to be written by my heirs.

You can learn more about TellMeBye at <https://tellmebye.com> as well as in a video at <http://vimeo.com/78045791>.

Some basic but absolutely necessary genealogy research steps:

- Don’t give up! You will be able to find more information with patience and diligence than without it.
- Organize your research:
 - Chart your family tree.
 - Make duplicates of primary documents.
 - Create folders or binders for different branches of your family tree.
 - Create a database on your computer just for your genealogical research.
 - Create a research log to help you remember what you searched and what resources you used.
- Review your previous research
 - Verify your information with primary documents.
 - Cite the source for each of your documents — including what type of document it is and where you obtained it.
 - Analyze your records both separately and as a group. Often when records are gathered over a period of time, new answers, perspectives or clues can be found.
 - Sort out records that contradict each other, but don’t discard them. Make note of contradictions and see if you can determine why there is conflicting information.
- Look at other case studies to find similar cases to your family research. The trials of others often will give you clues for how to proceed in your family’s cases.
- Share your information with other members of your family. They may have leads for you based on the research you have already done, but the information will need to be organized for someone else to understand it.
- Remember that genealogy research is a lot like detective work. You are using clues to unlock a larger story. You will occasionally follow false leads and have to retrace your steps and you may have long intervals before another promising lead develops. Embrace your role as a sleuth!

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